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Method of making photoresist compsn. with reduced solvent waste comprising fractionation of polymeric binder resin(s) with supercritical

fluid, and admixture of resin(s) with photoresist cpd(s).

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A method of making a photoresist compsn. comprises:

- (a) fractionating polymeric binder resin(s) with a supercritical fluid; and
- (b) admixing or reacting the fractionated polymeric binder resin with photoresist cpd(s). (P).

Cpd. (P) comprises:

- (i) a photo [sic: photoactive] cpd.; and/or
- (ii) photo acid generator(s).

USE - Compsns. are esp. used in positive-working photoresist for processing of Si wafer or GaAs wafer to form semiconductor devices.

ADVANTAGE - Prodn. of solvent waste is reduced or eliminated. Photo acid generators (PAG) increase dissolution rate of photoresist films to make positive-tone photoimage. Pref. supercritical fluid (SCF) is CO2 which is safe, non-toxic, inexpensive and readily commercially available.

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Abstract

A photoresist composition comprising either an admixture or a reaction product of: (a) at least one photosensitive compound selected from the group consisting of a photoactive compound, photo acid generators, and mixtures thereof; and (b) at least one polymeric binder resin fractionated with a supercritical fluid.

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